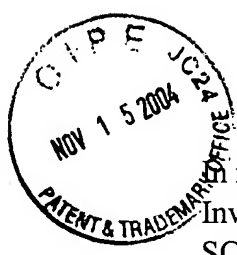


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 5, 6, 17 and 22, and amend claims 1-4, 7, 9, 12, 16, 18, 19, 23-27 and 31-33 as shown in the listing of claims beginning of the following page.